

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Dexter, et al.

Serial No.: 10/812,615

Filing Date: 03/29/2004

For: SNAP RING WITH RECESSED
INTERIOR CONTOUR

Art Unit: 3677

Examiner: SAETHER, Flemming

Confirmation No.: 3194

Docket No.: 157972-0010

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED 27FEB07

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on 27FEB07 for the above-identified patent application, please consider the following response.

Amendments to the **claims** are given in the listing that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.